

Santa's Little Helper

An activity for 2 pupils

What you will need

- 1 copy of this sheet for each pair of children (please note this is an A3 document and needs to be printed at 100%)
- A selection of Numicon Shapes 1-10 to represent presents.

What to do

Ask children to help Santa fill some Christmas stockings with presents (the Numicon Shapes). Children take it in turns to add a Numicon Shape to the stocking so that it is completely full.

Extensions and questions

- What is the most amount of Shape (presents) that can be used to fill the stocking?
- What about the least amount?
- Make the activity easier by only using smaller Shapes.
- Make it more difficult by restricting the types of Shapes that can be used, e.g. only allow 2, 3 and 5-Shapes.

Find the Matching Present

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What you will need

- A Christmas Stocking
- 2 sets of Numicon Shape 1-10

What to do

- Arrange the first set of Numicon Shapes in order on the table and place 3 Shapes from the second set in the stocking.
- Point to a Shape on the table (making sure that it matches one of those in the stocking).
- Children feel in the stocking and find the matching Shape.
- Increase the challenge by placing more Shapes in the stocking. The greater the similarity of the Shapes in the stocking the harder the challenge.

